

A MILLIONAIRE ROUGH.

ABINGTON BAIRD WAS NOT PHENOMENAL

From the London Spectator.

It is not of much use to moralize, as some of our contemporaries have been doing, over a career like that of Mr. Abington Baird, the Scotch millionaire, who died on Saturday last at New-Orleans from a chill caught while attending a prize-night. He was the last, and in many ways the last, hold, his wealth diminished for nearly a century by the same qualities. They have all been able to command and guide great masses of men as to make money in quantities out of their labor; they have all gone their own way exactly as they pleased; and they have all been described by their enemies as "rough," well half-developed consciences, and of some bad influence. If Mrs. Gilpin did not sketch Peter Tormane in the "Pique Lindores" from one of them, she might have done so; and it is related, truly or falsely, of another, who gave \$250,000 to the Scotch Church, that he was the cause of the best and most characteristic of all Scotch ecclesiastical stories. He contemplated his mighty benefaction long before it was made, and with true unwise audacity asked an expert as to his chances of getting a full return for his money. "Will it help me?" he inquired of his minister, "out you?" "Am I not just free to guarantee ye?" replied the ecclesiastic, Scotch as himself, "but it's an experiment well worth trying."

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